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LETTER DATED 8 JUNE 1996 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF ZAIRE TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from the Government of the Republic of Zaire, I have the honour to draw the attention of the Security Council to a situation which has arisen at the border between Zaire and Uganda. The facts are as follows.

On 4 and 5 June 1996, the Zairian locality of Bunagana, situated near the Ugandan border, was attacked by a force proceeding from Uganda.

As a result of this attack, about 30 Zairian civilians were killed or wounded.

The Government of the Republic of Zaire protests most vigorously and wishes to lodge a complaint against Uganda for this unfriendly conduct, on the part of a neighbour that Zaire has always regarded as a fraternal country, which threatens peace and security in this part of the world.

Because of this state of manifest provocation, which verges on a casus belli, the Government of Zaire holds Uganda responsible for any untoward consequences that might ensue if another such attack were to occur.

The Republic of Zaire, referring to Article 35 of the Charter of the United Nations, requests the President of the Security Council of the United Nations to convene an urgent meeting of the Council, in order that the latter may speedily consider Zaire's complaint and take measures to ensure that the climate of peace in the region is maintained.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a Security Council document.

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